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COMMENTS RE THE IDAHO HIGH-LEVEL WASTE DEIS: DOE/EIS-0287D

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X(2) 1. The purpose of an EIS doesn't have to include the effect of costs. However, cost effective comparisons of the various alternatives is (or should be) a major factor in the public's and DOE's evaluations and decisions. Environmental concerns are important, but are not the only important factors that determine the best interests of our United States. Therefore we, the public, need to know when the cost evaluation will be available to us. Such information could very possibly narrow down the alternatives worth considering.
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X(3) 2. We are not convinced that DOE supplied the National Research Council's (NRC) Committee on INEEL with sufficient data for them to arrive at a more definitive evaluation of the different alternatives for handling its High Level Waste (HLW) to the the Idaho Settlement's deadlines. It is easy to postpone decisions and actions while waiting for better information, but mere postponement does not get things done.
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V(1) 3. We support the State of Idaho's view that DOE's current method of calculating Metric Tons of Heavy Metal (MTHM) should be changed to either of the State's proposed methods to allow DOE HLW to be within the proposed repository's space allotment.
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(2) 4. DOE should freeze the waste acceptance criteria without waiting for details of the repository. This would allow expediting a decision on INEEL waste handling by eliminating bureaucratic procrastination.
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VII.A(1) 5. Greater DOE emphasis on public comment input should be given to recommendations and comments from their Citizen Advisory Boards, who are selected to represent a real cross section of the public and who intensively study the issues before making consensus recommendations. Those of the public who make comments have an obligation to really study the issues and facts first, and base their comments on those rather than emotions.

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